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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

REPORT

TOPIC Reinduction of Czech Veterans

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17 December 1953

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

- 25X1 1. On 19 October 1953 on a train between the Dubnica nad Vahom (P 49/T 69) and Puchov (P 50/O 61) railroad stations, a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets and no rank insignia [] after being discharged upon completion of his term of service, and last serving as a waiter in the kitchen of the military academy in Hranice (P 50/O 25), [] was ordered to return to Hranice after three or four days at home. [] he received a uniform by mail. [] all trainees at the Hranice military academy, whose number exceeded 900 men, wore only red epaulets and that, after the extension from two to three years of the training period at the military academy, the number of trainees rose substantially.
- 25X1 2. On 21 October 1953, a soldier [] wearing black-bordered red epaulets without rank insignia [] was discharged on 18 October 1953 after 26 months with the armed forces and [] the moment he had arrived home, he received an official travel order and a uniform by parcel post and was instructed to report at the barracks installation in Velim (O 51/N 28) before 12 p.m. on 21 October 1953. There, he was told that he would have to serve another term of four to seven months. [] he volunteered for border guard service in Bratislava (P 49/K 99). Before his assignment to a border guard unit, he was trained on all weapons up to and including mortars and 60-mm guns. He participated in a skiing and mountaineering course in the Tatra Mountains and in a diving course with an engineer unit in Bratislava. He was also trained as a telephone and radio operator, attended a riding course and finally received special training for border guard service. As a PS soldier he did service in Decin (N 51/F 56) near the railroad line to Berlin. [] service was pleasant because they had no guard duty on the border. [] they could volunteer for guard duty and that they then had to watch novel light signals flaring up in different colors according as they were released by individuals crossing the border either from East Germany or Czechoslovakia. [] his unit received first quality food including one liter of rum per person and week. After 24 hours of voluntary night service, soldiers were granted 48 off-duty hours. The PS unit with which this soldier served consisted chiefly of East Slovaks.
- 25X1 [] Comment. The information is transmitted with reservation as there is no apparent reason why veterans should have been reinducted upon discharge. There is

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the possibility that mistakes were made as new directives were issued
for discharges in the fall of 1953. The information on delivery of
uniforms by the mails as well as other details are doubtful.

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